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EMPLOYMENT

Director, September 2016-Present
Holocaust Educational Foundation of Northwestern University
Lecturer, September 2017-Present
History Department
Northwestern University
Evanston, IL 60208

Head of Educational Programming, August 2015-August 2016
Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies
Academic Program Liaison Officer, June 2013-July 2015
Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies
Lecturer, June 2013-August 2015
History Department
Clark University, Worcester, MA

Adjunct Professor, Spring 2012 and 2013
Touro College, Bay Shore, NY 11706

Director of Youth Education, January 2010-June 2013
Assistant Director of Education, October 2007-January 2010
Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County, Glen Cove, NY 11542

EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, October 2010, Clark University, Worcester, MA



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Dissertation: *The Women of Birkenau: the Women's Camp at Auschwitz-Birkenau*
Fields: Modern European History, Holocaust History, Nazi Camp System

B.A., History and Education, May 1991, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS and HONORS

American Historical Association
Association for Jewish Studies
Professor Shulamit Reinharz Research Award from the Hadassah-Brandeis
Institute, 2018
Charles H. Revson Foundation Fellowship for Archival Research, United States
Holocaust Memorial Museum, 2006-2007
Steven Spielberg Fellow in Holocaust History, Center for Holocaust and
Genocide Studies, Clark University, 2001-2006
Holocaust Educational Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 2004-2005
Crown Family Doctoral Research Scholarship, 2001-2005
Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society, 2002-2010
Lipper Doctoral Research Scholarship, 2001-2003

CONFERENCE/SEMINAR/SYMPOSIA ORGANIZATION (Recent)

Lessons and Legacies XV, biennial international conference for Holocaust Studies,
Washington University in St. Louis, 1-4 November 2018.

Summer Institute on the Holocaust and Jewish Civilization, annual Institute that
trains professors from around the world to teach about the Holocaust at their home
institutions; 19-30 June 2017; 24 June-6 July 2018.

Lessons and Legacies XIV, biennial international conference for Holocaust Studies;
Claremont-McKenna College, 3-6 November 2016.

Israel Academic Exchange, symposium hosted by the Strassler Center to engage young
scholars from Israel with young scholars at the Center; dialogue centered around the topic
of "agency" in the work that each scholar does; Clark University, 3-6 April 2014 and 17-
20 September 2015.



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Holocaust Summer Institute, institute hosted by Strassler Center; unique professional development with focus on critical reading skills, digital pedagogy, and knowledge building communities; August 2015 and June 2016

INVITED LECTURES and CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (Recent)

Invited Lecture, “Auschwitz: the Women’s Camp,” Association of Holocaust Organizations, 1-4 June 2019

Keynote Lecture, “Women in the Holocaust,” campus lecture, Oakton Community College, Skokie, IL 26 March 2019

Talk Back Participant, “The Green Book,” a play by Calvin A. Ramsey, Pegasus Theater Chicago/Chicago Dramatists Theater, 11 March 2018

Keynote Lecturer, “Research on Women and Holocaust Education at the University Level,” Holocaust Commemoration Days, Museo Memoria y Tolerancia, Mexico City, 7 December 2017

Keynote Lecturer, “Auschwitz: the Women’s Camp,” Kristallnacht Commemorative Lecture, Ner Tamid Egal, Minyan, Chicago, IL, 12 November 2017

Guest Speaker, “Auschwitz: the Women’s Camp,” campus lecture, Oakton Community College, Skokie, IL, 19 October 2017

Guest Speaker, “Genocide in Translation,” panel discussion related to the refugee crisis, Skokie Public Library, Skokie, IL, 30 May 2017

Guest Speaker, “What Lessons Have We Learned?,” panel discussion in honor of Genocide Awareness Month, Evanston Township High School, Evanston, IL, 18 April 2017

Guest Speaker, “The Place of Holocaust Studies in the University; the Place of the University in Holocaust Studies,” panel discussion to honor retirement of Professor Phyllis Lassner, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, 30 March 2017



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Guest Speaker, “The Female Face of Genocide in Auschwitz,” Oakton Community College, Skokie, IL, 23 March 2017

PUBLICATIONS

“Sexual Violence and Sexual Agency in the Auschwitz-Birkenau Women’s Camp,” in Festschrift for Debórah Dwork, Thomas Kühne and Mary Jane Rein, Palgrave MacMillan, Forthcoming.

“The Auschwitz Women’s Camp: An Overview and Reconsideration,” in Palgrave Handbook on Holocaust Literature and Culture, Victoria Aarons and Phyllis Lassner, Editors, Palgrave, forthcoming.

“How Deep the Gray – ‘Privileged’ Jewish Women Prisoners in Auschwitz-Birkenau,” in proceedings from the 2018 Ethel LeFrak Holocaust Education Conference, Women, The Holocaust, and Genocide, October 21 - 23, 2018, forthcoming.

"Comment on Primo Levi, 'The Grey Zone'" for Yehuda Kurtzer and Claire Sufrin, ed., The New Jewish Canon, forthcoming.

Book Review, “Matters of Testimony: Interpreting the Scrolls of Auschwitz,” by Nicholas Chare and Dominic Williams, *Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies*, Summer 2016, Vol. 34 Issue 4, 99-101.

"SS Women's Auxiliaries/Telecommunications in Auschwitz," in *The Höcker Album: Auschwitz through the Lens of the SS* (Dutch Publication), Christophe Busch and Robert Jan van Pelt, Editors, Uitgeverij Verbum BV, 2013 (English Publication Forthcoming)

“Budy: Gender, Power and Prisoner Relations,” Conference Volume for *Legacies of the Holocaust: Women and the Holocaust*, Jagiellonian University Press, 2007

“Women Perpetrators in Birkenau,” in At the Interface/Probing the Boundaries Series, *Perspectives on Evil and Human Wickedness*, Dr. Rob Fisher, Series Editor, Collette Balmain and Luis Drawmer, Volume Editors, Rodopi, 2007



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“Women Perpetrators in Birkenau,” *Sixth Global Conference on Perspective on Evil and Human Wickedness*, e-book, Learning Solutions, 2006

Strassler Family Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies Year End Activities and 2003 Gift Report June 2002 through May 2003: The people, programs and events advancing scholarship in the field of Holocaust and genocide studies, Clark University. Coauthored with Rachel Iskov, 2003

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Honor’s Thesis Advisor, Senior at Northwestern University, study of Sigrid Schultz, an American woman correspondent in Berlin, 2018-2019.

Independent Study, Senior at Northwestern University, Sexual Violence during the Holocaust; final project is a conceptual museum exhibit, Winter 2019.

Master’s Theses Advisor, two graduate students at Clark University; German Jewish Kindertransport children in the Netherlands and US Postwar Perceptions of German Women and their Influence on the Cold War, Clark University, 2015-2016

Holocaust Course for High School Seniors, co-organized with all 12th-grade English Teachers an eight-week curriculum; included lectures from Clark University doctoral students and inter-disciplinary content and methods, Spring 2016

Honor's Thesis Advisor, Senior at Clark University, researching physical and psychological differences between men and women in Nazi concentration camps, Clark University, 2014-2015

Accepted Participant, International colloquium, "Learning about perpetrators of the Nazi period," Erinnern.at, 3-4 November 2014, Bregenz, Austria